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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXPORTER/AGENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (E/AIS)

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS KEYED TO THE QUESTIONS
SET FORTH IN REF B:

1) WHILE WE ARE INTRIGUED BY IDEA OF E/AIS SYSTEM, SPACE
AND PERSONNEL LIMITATIONS PRECLUDE OUR VOLUNTEERING TO
BE AMONG THE 20 POSTS INITIALLY SING THE SYSTEM. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON HOW THE SYSTEM HAS
WORKED AFTER THE INITIAL INSTALLATIONS ARE SET UP.

2) SPACE WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL SECTION/LIBRARY IS CRAMPED,
AND SUBSTITUTION OF THE E/AIS SYSTEM FOR THE COMMERCIAL
LIBRARY WILL NOT RELIEVE THAT SITUATION. IDEALLY,
INSTALLATION OF THE E/AIS SHOULD COINCIDE WITH EXPANSION
OF THE SPACE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMERCIAL SECTION. IT IS,
HOWEVER, UNCERTAIN WHEN, IF EVER, SUCH AN EXPANSION
MAY TAKE PLACE. PRESENT SENIOR COMMERCIAL
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN COULD BE DESIGNATED TO ASSIST
FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN IN THE USE OF THE E/AIS BUT
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WOULD HAVE LIMITED TIME TO DO SO.

3) FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN PRESENTLY HAVE FREE
ACCESS TO BOTH COMMERCIAL SECTION AND LIBRARY.
COMMERCIAL SECTION/LIBRARY IS WITHIN 10 TO 15
MINUTE DRIVE FROM ALL MAJOR BUSINESS DISTRICTS.
LATES USE FIGURES (OCTOBER) FOR COMMERCIAL SECTION/

LIBRARY SHOWED 98 VISITORS, 833 TELEPHONE INQUIRIES,
AND 605 LETTER INQUIRIES OVER A 21 WORK DAY PERIOD.
ANNUALIZATION OF THESE FIGURES WOULD GIVE A FAIR
APPROXIMATION OF OUR ANNUAL USAGE.

4) THERE ARE NO PRIVATE SECTOR SERVICES AVAILABLE
WHICH OFFER SIMILAR OR COMPARABLE CAPABILITY.

5) NO.

6) NO.

2. COMMENT: GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBER OF BUSINESS VISITORS
USING PRESENT REFERENCE MATERIALS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT
THE E/AIS SYSTEM WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT VIEWER CAPACITY
PLUS DUPLICATE FILMS OR FICHES OF POPULAR MATERIAL TO HANDLE
MORE THAN 1 USER AT A TIME. AN ADDED VERY USEFUL FEATURE
FOR KUWAIT WOULD BE A PHOTOCOPYING CAPABILITY. MOST
MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS FACE SERVICING DIFFICULTIES HERE.
ANY E/AIS INSTALLATIONS FOR THIS PART OF THE WORLD
SHOULD BE EASY TO SERVICE AND WELL SUPPLIED WITH SPARE
PARTS.
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